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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-captioned patent application, kindly enter the following amendment.

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

*Kindly replace the paragraph beginning at page 12, line 13, with the following:*

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-- (19) A connector according to the above (18) wherein said housing comprises two members, and said flange is inserted in the space formed between said two members so that said valve is fixedly secured to said housing. --